Amendment to Indian Evidence Act

†445. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring amendments in Indian Evidence Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of special assistance cell for Gujarat earthquake victims

†446. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of Supreme Court has suggested for setting up a special assistance cell for extending legal assistance to the victims of earthquake in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether such a cell has been set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chief Justice of India and Patron-in-Chief, National Legal Services Authority has requested the Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat, who is also the Patron-in-Chief, Gujarat State Legal Services Authority to formulate some scheme and constitute special Legal Assistance Cells in the quake affected areas for helping the distressed people. The Gujarat State Legal Services Authority has informed that Chairmen of all District Legal Services Authorities have been directed to establish Legal Assistance Cells at the District level and Taluk level and it has created a Special Cell in Ahmedabad city for the earthquake affected victims for legal aid and advice.

(c) Does not arise.

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